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CHAPTER 142

The Fires Extinguishment Act

1.—(1) The council of a county may provide by by-law that fire guardians, fence-viewers, overseers of highways or pathmasters, appointed by township councils, whenever the woods or prairies in any township are on fire so as to endanger property shall order as many of the male inhabitants of the township residing in the vicinity of the place where the fire is as may be deemed necessary to repair to the place where the fire prevails and assist in extinguishing it or in stopping its progress.

By-law of
county
council
giving
powers.

(2) Where there is no county council the council of any township may pass such by-law. R.S.O. 1937, c. 328, s. 1.

By-law of
township
council.

2.—(1) Every such officer shall give to every person employed by him under section 1 a certificate of the number of days work done by him, and such work shall be allowed to him in his next year's statute labour, or, if such person is not liable to perform statute labour or not so many days statute labour as the number mentioned in the certificate, the council may direct that such work shall be paid for out of the funds of the municipal corporation, and such person shall be entitled to be paid by the township treasurer the amount of the certificate or the amount not credited on the next year's statute labour, as the case may be.

Work done
to be
allowed for
as statute
labour.

(2) The county council may also provide for the application by the township councils of so much of the commutation of statute labour fund as may be required for assisting to extinguish or stop the progress of fires within their respective municipalities. R.S.O. 1937, c. 328, s. 2.

Application
of com-
mutation
fund by
townships.

3. If a township council neglects to provide for the application of so much of the commutation of statute labour fund, or for payment of such amount as may be required for the purposes mentioned in section 2, the county council may do so and may pay the amount of such certificates and impose upon the township so in default a rate sufficient for that purpose to be levied and collected in the manner provided by *The Assessment Act* for the collection of a county rate. R.S.O. 1937, c. 328, s. 3.

Upon de-
fault of
townships,
county may
provide for
payment
of work.

The Rev. Stat.,
c. 24.

Penalty for refusing to assist in extinguishing fires.

4. Every person who refuses or neglects to turn out and work under any fire guardian, fence-viewer, overseer of highways or pathmaster, who has ordered him to turn out for that purpose, shall be guilty of an offence and on summary conviction shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$20. R.S.O. 1937, c. 328, s. 4.
